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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: CONTINUED HOSTILE ACTIVITY

REF: BRUSSELS 5855

1. ACCORDING TO DAO SOURCES IN DDN, HOSTILE ACTIVITY IN THE WESTERN SHABA IS INDEED CONTINUING. PRINCIPAL AREAS OF THIS ACTIVITY, FROM JUNE 1 TO 6, ARE SOUTHWEST OF KAPANGA, AT KABALAMBA (0815S/2151E) AND CHILUAGE (0927S/2148E), AND SOUTH OF THE DILOLO-MUTSHATSHA AXIS AT LUASHI. AN INCIDENT (AMBUSH) WAS ALSO REPORTED 18 KILOMETERS WEST OF MUTSHATSHA.

2. IN VIRTUALLY ALL CASES, IMPRESSION IS THAT ACTIVITY APPEARS TO BE AS RESULT OF SOME HOSTILE FORCES TRYING TO CROSS BACK INTO ANGOLA. DDN HAS STATED, HOWEVER, THAT MONITORING OF HOSTILE MESSAGES INDICATE THAT FURTHER EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY THE HOSTILE FORCES TO GAIN RECRUITS AMONG THE REFUGEES WHO HAVE
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ALREADY CROSSED INTO ANGOLA. THERE IS ALSO SOME EVIDENCE THEY MAY BE SUCCEEDING. HOSTILE MESSAGES FURTHER REVEAL THAT THEIR FORCES ARE SUFFERING FROM LACK OF FOOD AND THAT MALNUTRITION MAY BE BECOMING PREVALENT.

2. THOSE HOSTILE FORCES WHICH DO NOT SEEM TO BE SEEKING TO RETURN TO ANGOLA HAVE CARRIED OUT ONE OR TWO AMBUSHES RESULTING, AT LEAST

IN ONE CASE, IN CASUALTIES FOR THE FAZ. DDN HAS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE HOSTILES HAD ATTEMPTED TO LAY MINES NEAR MUTSHATSHA. ANOTHER REPORT STATES SOME 100 RAILWAY WORKERS FOR SNCZ WERE TAKEN PRISONER BY A COMPANY OF HOSTILE FORCES IN MUNGULUNGA (1027S/2402E) ON JUNE 4.

3. FOR THE TIME BEING THEREFORE, DESPITE THE VICTORY CELEBRATIONS, THE EX-GENDARMES STILL ARE THRON IN THE SIDE OF THE FAZ IN THE SHABA. THEY REPORTEDLY STILL HAVE A COMBAT CAPABILITY BUT THERE ARE NO SIGNS AT PRESENT THAT THEY WILL LAUNCH ANOTHER MAJOR OFFENSIVE SOON.

4. FOR BRUSSELS: WE UNDERSTAND FROM DDN THAT ONE BELGIAN MISSION-ARY MAY BE STILL IN TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA.
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